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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING ELECTRONIC REFUNDS  
IN AN ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

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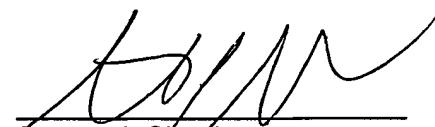
This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2001.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one (1) month extension of time is \$110.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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